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Payment of the annual Jodika of the Maharajas Chattram at Benares in two half yearly instalments.

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FILE HEADING.

Affairs of the Chatram at Benares

From

The Murrai Superintendent

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends the grant of an imprest of Rs 300 or 350 instead of monthly remittances, and insistence on the regular submission of monthly accounts by the Pandit in charge of the Chatram

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subs. for orders - The Murr Supdt refers to a [illegible] 10 form in which daily accounts are proposed to be called for The form is not appended to the report:

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6/5/10

NOTES—First sheet

GPB—30,000—3-4-07

Mysore
28th December 1

Sir,

I send herewith, as desired by the Dewan, a representation about the Mysore Charities at Benares. The

Subdd

The Savings of the Gumbuz are as follows

Rs 20,000 in Govt of India 2½ notes.
Rs 29,182 in the Treasury
Rs 2,457 in the Savings Bank

The Gumbuz file & Benares file are subdd

HG 7-1-10

Yours obedient
B V Lanshmanabhya

an desires you
speak to him
but This, when
on next I see him.

The Dewan
desires you to
ak to him about
management
of the Gumbuz
funds —

ఉత్తరాంశమహాక్షేత్రకర్ణక్షరూపాక్షేత్రమూరుషకారాదరదలబ్ధభక్తదాభయదక్ష్మి.—

నిర్వికాలవక్షస్థాపాంచిబుత్తీకోమాప్తుల్లభక్షనాదికిమూవదుఅయుక్తకేంద్రుకేళిధవక్షక్ష్మి.—

పత్రవక్షగళాయికులిపీ(౬)తోమాద్రక్షక్షరాభక్షోంశీయదవదుళీరంక్తరాశిదయమాంది శిరూపవాదిశివక్షక్షే గరశిద్రభక్తదదక్షిప్రకుచోంబలకుపూకాద్రత్తాక్షస్థానిబలుక్తిక్ష్మి. లిపీ మూవంద్రు దవదుళ్లగర్ధక్షరాదనాంకదశోంబలకుభూరియాక్షేంద్రుయోంతశ్రీశింగళ్ళగే గరశిద్ర అక్షాక్షస్థానిబలుక్తిక్ష్మి. అక్షివాలుపూర్తేమూవదక్షే గశింగళుహూరద్రద్లో అభీద్రమూలదరిచ్ఛాపిశోమ్తుఅప్రతీయూ దఅక్షాక్షస్థుచోంబలకుఅవరిగేకాలక్షేదరియూశిపంచకే యూకుక్తిద్రుద్రుదరింద్రా గర్ంథక్షిభనదశ్రీ అభ్యక్ష రశిగేస్థాలక్షేఅవకాశవేయిరదల్లా. గర్ంథక్షేపబ్రువర్ణుచ్చిలూకాయికు అక్షాక్షస్థుకోరవక్షక్ష్మ క్షికోఖూపుమూరిచుక్తే. భక్తదనతశా లిఖ్యుబంద్రుక్షరుకాయఖభాద్రదచోంబలకుచోంరిపలూధీకేంద్రుఅ ప్రక్షేశోంరిశ అక్షాదస్థుకోరవక్షే ఇద్రుద్రుదరింద్రా దిరూహుల్లక్షేస్థాలహారభక్తేకాయిరు. ఇన్నింవయ దల్లీరూవదోంభగళ్ళద్రా అభీద్రమూలభకాశింయూ ఖుద్రాశియూ అనేకవిళిబిన్నాపిశిరుక్తేనే.

కాలక్షేపదరియూశిలిఖ్యుగళుకురూవల్లక్షేంద్రుకేళిధవక్షక్ష్మి.—

భక్తదభక్తోక్తిగళ్ళు గంరూకాయికలబుస్వగుమూస్థసోళ్ళనేంద్రుకోంభరూచ్చాడిరుక్తారే. అ చేశవద్రుశ్రీప్రకారచేనాగరీలక్ష్యరద్రుళుమహారాష్ట్రమూశిగళిలిఖ్యుకయూశికళదక్రింగళ లిఖ్యుగళుచ లశిశింగళ్ళగళ్ళు కాలక్షేపదరియూశిబరుక్తిక్ష్మ. అల్లేపక్షేయియుంరలల్లా. తరనేబ్రువర్ణులూకాంయికల స్రుక్ష్మంప్రకారకద్రుతదళ్ళు లిఖ్యుగళుకయూరూకాశిబరుక్తే. అచేశదవరిగేచెర్ణుదదళ్ళుపరిశ్రమవిల్లక్షద్రింద్ర చర్ణుతశిళిదవచ్చోబ్రుగుమూస్థనన్నాముతదలూ పచారశదశరూంచ్ప్రదిరూవద్రుద్రింద్రా, అరిచోంగుమూస్థ నేచర్ణుసంబళదళ్ళుహూంకాయూనాంధిరూపాంయద్దున్నకోంప్తుకేర్ణుమహాక్షలిఖ్యుగాక్షుతదల్లాకయూ ర్యాడిశికోంతుక్తారే. అదుమూక్షవక్షిలభ.—చోంతికేనా ఛుంభవదతా పాంమగళలిఖ్యు. ఇవరచపేపకు. సంకావర్ణోంశిచికాగూశవరకారిక్ష్మేశిపాంహూస్థుగళన్నాకరూవదు. పాంశ్రీవక్ష్మేశిదగళన్నాకోంప్తు పునహ రుుక్తశ్రీయింద్రా క్ష్మేదరికూవదు. ఇవదక్కాంశిభినాశి నదశీఖభుంద్రగళప్తు, భూర్ణియుప్తు, భూలశ్రీశింగ ళ్ళగ కోంభూంకారుుజమాఖభర్ణన్నసోంతిక్కోళ్ళాన్నవల్లిచే కళ్ళదమూహిజమాఖభర్ణన్నాచోంప్తుమూంతి మహరాష్ట్రదళ్లలిఖ్యుకయూర్యాంతి, భూర్ణిదక్కర్ణుతదళ్లు పకార్ణుశ్రీక్ష్మాళుంద్రిన్నలిఖ్యుఏప్రశి, దనగే శిళళళిబర్ణిగప్రశి, అక్ష్మియుకాళరుంగ, భూర్ణిభినాశిగళిశిఏయుంపరరుుబుచేంశిదపట్టిగ, కైంక ర్యాదీయురిశిచలబుచింశ్రీయూద్రక్ష్మే అరరిందా రుబుంచేంశిదపట్టిగ, ఆ శింగళ్ళగళజమాఖభర్ణనక్ష్మే గ, మూంద్రిగశింగళ్ళగలందా భూపట్టిగ, మూంగళహోళ్ళ్రకాశకక్రవరకాశ్రీగ, భూర్ణాంద్రుస్థాంవిన ళ్ళరశిగ, ఇవేహోదలూదరిగళ్ళన్నాకయూర్యాశిశిళళుహూంకాశ్రీభూలశ్రీశింగళ్ళన్నా సుమారు ఎప్తుకప్తుకాప్తుమూన్నాంచిరగళిగేచప్తుయూమూంచిల్లా. ఎళరూకాంయిక్రలబిసిందా శ్రీవపట్టిన్న దక్షింశ్రలూభాగ్రశేయూశిలిఖ్యునకయూర్యాశిదకిక్ష్మభూంకాభిన్నూచోంరేయూవదుఅపాద్ద ముక్తూ ఇవరగళిగేమూహియూనాచెలబుగళు పకార్ణరిందా ప్రతీపాంశిచోంరియువరిల్లా.

Serial No.

The detailed note explains all the points referred to in Pandit Dharmadhikari Rama Shastri's appeal to the Dewan. I regret the delay in the submission of this report.

The only question is whether we are to send the money in advance every month or whether we are to revise the accounts and Vouchers. If the latter, my proposals may be considered If the former is to be done there will be no further trouble.

A Sample of the Tirupathi Accounts is submitted

A Sample of the Benares Accounts is also sent up.

Submitted to Dewan through the Commissioner Chittoor

30/5/1910

P. S. Two other files about the Chairman Nos. 112 and 284 of 1909-10 are also separately submitted this day

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I agree with the suggestions made in this note.

31/5/10

To the Hon'ble the Dewan
Appl. No. 112 and 284 of Commissioner

3/9/1910

Files Nos. 284 of 09 and 112 of 09 relating to Benaresse Chairman, along with the file are submitted to Undersecretary. They have been ordered to be submitted to the

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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The Dewan.

BG
9.6.10

Submitted to Dewan. Two other files as mentioned being submitted today

Asst Secy

Officer

Our new Gazetteers and procedure do not suit these old class people and their traditions -

Pl. restore the old practice as noted at paras 4 & 15 of the note -

Pl. also see the papers in the case of the two alienations referred to at paras 3 & 31 of the Muzrai Supplt Note

Early

Dtd 31 Aug 10

Dear

The files called for by the Dewan are submitted herewith.

In the case of Purnananda Swami the Maharaja's sanction has been obtained.

It does not appear to have been obtained in 1892 when the allowance to Mungoji Pokarkar was sanctioned.

I beg to be informed if the Comptroller is to be consulted & before and about the receipt of

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G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

File No. of 190

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152	half-yearly Payrolls Submitted by Diwan Incharge Secretariat Abdurrahmanji
432	14/9/1910 16/9 17/9/10 Submitted by Diwan Abdurrahmanji 19.9.1910
7992 20.9.10	Not necessary Remarks Much time has already been lost & the old Mans previous Continuous maintained. Abdurrahmanji
245	Submitted with adoption of Secretariat Abdurrahmanji 9.11.1910
126 245	Draft approved by 2nd Secretary Issue advice 11.11.1910

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Rec'd by post on 21/7/05

To

A. Anantasami Rao Esqre, B.A.,
Secretary to the Govt of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore,
Mujrai Department,
Bangalore

Sir,

As per orders conveyed to me by your telegram of the 29th Ultimo, I visited on the next day the Chattram established at Benares by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and beg to submit the following report.

2 General The Mysore Chattram at Benares is a three storied building situated in Sambhu Rao's lane in Doodha Vinayaka Mohalla near the Panchaganga Ghaut. There are over 200 such Mohallas and 360 such Ghauts in the Benares City. Feeding alone is carried on in the Chattram, but no accommodation is provided for the numerous pilgrims visiting the sacred shrine and

this practice, I learn, is commonly obtaining in the numerous other Chattrams in the locality.

3. Building. The Chattram building is in very good order, having been repaired only in July 1900, at a cost of Rs 1,300/-. This expenditure is ~~said~~ stated to have been met from the savings accumulated by the stoppage of feeding in the Institution for a period of six months as per Govt orders said to have been issued at the time to that effect. There is a well within the Chattram itself, and the water drawn from it is utilised for cleaning vessels, the water of the adjoining Bhagirathi being alone used for cooking and drinking purposes

4. Tasdik. Once every 6 months, a sum of Rs 1,390/- is being remitted by the Pandit Seshe Rama Sastri, Palace Dharma-dhikari at Mysore to the local Manager of the Chattram, to be utilised by the latter in the following manner, for during a period

of 6 months :—

(1) Rs 855- 6- 6, for Santarpanê

(2) Rs 388- 3 6, for payment to Establishment

(3) Rs 70- 0 —0 for Bhojana Dakshinê at 3 pies per head

(4) Rs 46- 6- 0, being a moiety of the amount required for the annual Mahapuja and Saraswatipuja

(5) Rs 30 — 0 —0, to an ascetic named Poornasrama, a disciple of the late Ganapati Swami, whose statue of black marble is set up very near the Chattram. This amount is paid by the Manager of the Chattram and expended for the puja of Panchalinga to consecrated by the late ascetic

Total Rs 1,390/-

Thus, it will be seen that except the amount specified in item no 5, the balance of the Inam, viz Rs 1,360/- is granted for the Chattram alone.

5 Establishment The charges on account of the Chattram Establishment amount to Rs 388-3-6 for the half year or Rs 64-11-3 per mensem; and it is said that the scale regarding the same as fixed by His Highness the late Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wodiar III, still continues to be in force. At the head of the Establishment stands Mr. Govinda Sastri, manager on Rs 29-1-6 per mensem. He is the grandson of Pandit Sesha Rama Sastri's cousin brother. He is a respectable young man of 26 years of age, and has been managing the affairs of the Institution since the demise of his father Sankara Sastri some 15 years ago He is also studying in the Senior Class of the Benares Sanskrit College in Vyakarana and Sahitya, and in 4 years more will have completed his course of instruction. Excluding the Manager, there are 9 others on the Chattram Establishment, 2 as clerks and 7 as servants costing Rs 35-9-9 per mensem, and they are as follow:

1. Krishnaji Vital Pant- Gumastah on Rs 7-2-9 per mensem (with meals) He is the son of the late old and trusted Gumastah of the Chattram on Rs 10-2-9. Since the latter's demise, the present man has been doing his duties, viz., preparing the Chattram Accounts in Mahratta and looking after the daily feeding.

(2) The accounts prepared by the above named individual are translated into Kanarese by one Bhujanga Rao, Translator on Rs 35- per mensem. This amount is secured by from the pay of Rs 10-2-9 due to the above Gumast The accounts thus translated are forwarded to Pandit Sesha Rama Sastri at Mysore, at the beginning of every month.

(3) Sakku Boyi- Woman cook on Rs 5-1-3 per mensem, with meals. It is said that she has been in the Chattram for the past 40 years She is stated to be very old and, at the time I visited the Institution, she was absent being unwell, and another woman was looking after the cooking

(4) Ram Babu- Panchanadi on Rs 4-1-3 per mensem with meals He assists the above

(4) Dam Beam - Reinforcement on Pt-1-3

in cooking

5 Viswanatha Bhat - Pancharak on Rs 2-0-6 per mensem, with meals He serves water, spreads leaves, looks after the store of provisions and gives gandha or sandal.

6 Sakal - Waterman on Rs 4-1-0 per mensem with meals He brings water from the Ganges, removes used-up leaves, cleans vessels

7 & 8 Isma and Jeema - Servants on Rs 4/- each per mensem They are non-Brahmins and by turns do the watching and go to bazaar to bring vegetables &c These alone are not supplied with meals in the Chatram They were grumbling on this account and the Manager said that the services of such men were not very easily procurable for the low pay alone that is given to them

9 Cheema - Maid servant on Rs 2-0-6 per mensem Her duty is to remove stone, dirt &c from the purchased provisions.

6. Feeding. As stated above a sum

of Rs 855-6-6 is set apart for Santarpane in the Chattram Out of it Rs 16/- in cash are paid every month to one Nehimidar named G Krishnier, in lieu of the 4 Sedas of rice recently sanctioned to him by the Govt from the Chattram

7. Dwring my 12 days' stay at Benares, here and there I heard complaints of mismanagement of the Chattram. I therefore went to the Institution on 4 different occasions unexpectedly and at uncertain hours of the day and from what I observed, I was of the humble opinion that there was nothing wanting in regard to the proper management of the Institution On the first day, I saw 18 men in all, including the Chattram servants, taking their meals, and on the succeeding days men ranging from 18 to 20 in number were invariably fed. There was one novelty however as regards the persons admitted to the Chattram meals. Instead of the pilgrims coming to the Chattram of their own accord, the Manager has been in the habit of inviting every day a specified number of

persons – from 12 to 15 in number – for meals in the Chattram, and this he did, he said because persons coming on a pilgrimage to Benares, having to do Sheerthasraddha and other ceremonies, scarcely resort to the Institution for meals, and that the local people alone being available, he has been in the habit of selecting from them only such as are fit objects of charity by reason of their learning rather than feeding them indiscriminately Students studying Sanskrit in the Central Hindu College here are also sometimes invited Under these circumstances, I beg to submit, that the new procedure adopted by the Manager of giving invitations for meals, is not fraught with any disadvantage To guard however against any abuse of the discretionary powers exercised by the Manager, a Visitors Book may perhaps be opened for the Chattram, considering that he has been conducting the Institution in a proper manner, I beg to submit that nothing need be done in this direction at present.

8. Chattram Vessels &c. I had the vessels in the Chattram shown to me, there are 112 of them at present A few of them are leaky and can be repaired, and 10 more irreparable These latter, the Manager says, may be sold away for an estimated value of Rs 4/-, and the sale proceeds together with an additional sum of Rs 85/- invested in replacing the sold vessels and setting right the reparable ones. There are only ten planks to serve as seats for persons during meals, but they are almost all of them broken About 30 new planks will have therefore to be supplied to the Institution, and in this respect and in respect of the condition of the vessels the Manager said he had represented to the Dharmadhikari, Pandit Seska Rama Sastri some three months ago, but that no reply had yet been received from him This matter, I beg to submit, is ~~readily urgent~~ deserves ^ requires being early attended to

9. Accounts. I next examined the accounts

of the Chattram. They are neatly and regularly maintained in Devanagari characters, but on separate sheets of paper Every month, one sheet is set apart for the monthly provisions purchased, another for the daily and the monthly consumption of provisions, and a third for the cash receipts and expenditure As the Dasbik remittances are received from Mysore at the end of January and July of each year, accounts are maintained commencing with February and August. Practically no savings are effected out of the Chattram Dasbik and the few rupees left unexpended at the close of the ~~six~~ preceding 6 months are brought forward and made the opening balance of the succeeding 6 months.

10 On going through the accounts, I observed that instead of Rs 1,390/- actually received by the Chattram Manager, Rs 1,471-9-3 had been shown as Receipt for each ~~six months~~ half year. As regards this, the Manager explained that during the reign of His Highness the late

Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wodeyar III, the
Vasdik of the Institution was Rs 471-9-3 for the
half year, which was being sent to the Chattram
by means of the Hundi Transfer System of olden
days, on account of which Rs 21-9-3 were being
paid to the Hundi Sowcar, but that during the
Commission days, that Transfer System was put
a stop to, and the full amount of Rs 1,471-9-3
used to be paid to the Chattram by means of
a cheque drawn in its favor on the Bank of
Bengal at Benares, the amount till then paid
to the Sowcar, being kept as savings in the
Chattram itself. He stated that some time
subsequently, the amount which had accu-
mulated as savings at the Chattram was ordered to be
remitted to the Bangalore District Treasury,
and from that time, the amount of Rs 81 odd
was retained as savings in the said Treasury,
and that the balance of Rs 1,390/- alone
remitted to the Institution. The Chattram
accounts show that Rs 4,078-6-6 have thus
accumulated in favor of the Institution. It is

stated that out of such savings, expenditures were incurred for the repairs &c connected with the Chattram at various times, though it is not known why the cost of the repairs executed in July 1900 was, as stated in para 3 above, met by the stoppage of feedings in the Institution. Out of these savings, may be met the cost of repairing the vessels &c which are urgently needed.

11 In conclusion, I beg to bring to your kind notice the following points which, in my humble opinion, are deserving of improvement. The first is that the Chattram buildings, being situated in quite a very narrow, insignificant lane, does not attract the attention of the public. To partially remedy this defect, I beg to suggest that a Board be painted with the name of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, as well as the number of persons to be fed daily, in old Devanagari, Ee Kannarese and English characters, and the same put up over the gateway of the Chattram. This will also serve

as a check on any mismanagement of the
(2) Institution. The second point relates to cook
ing. It is at present done by a woman, and
it is not an uncommon thing in Chattrams
here to entertain women as cooks. But the
present cook is a very old woman, and as I
hear she will gladly retire from active service,
I beg to suggest that opportunity may be
taken and a male cook appointed in her
place and also a Devarapuja man newly
entertained, thus raising the dignity of the
(3) Chattram. Thirdly and lastly, the sacred Ganges
is about a furlong from the Chattram and
its water has to be reached by a very long
and difficult flight of steps. As this water
alone is used both for the cooking and
drinking purposes, I beg to suggest that a
water tap may be newly opened in the
Chattram. The cost of so doing will not be
prohibitively high, considering that there
are taps within a radius of a hundred yards

from the Institution

Cuja,
14th July 1905

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient
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L. Anantasamy Rao Esqre., B.A.,
Muzrai Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore
(Mysore Province)

From G Appa Rao
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Office of the Muzrai Superintendent
in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 2nd May 1910

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From

A. Subrahmanya Iyer Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore General and Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the orders Government a note on the Benares Chattram.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Superintendent.

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Note on the Benares Chattram.

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The information embodied in this note has been obtained from the records of the Muzrai Branch, Clerk Appu Rao's report from Gaya dated 14th July 1905 and an office note prepared on 3rd August 1906 when Pandit Kasi Sesha Rama Shastri made a representation to the then Dewan similar to the one now made to the present Dewan.

2. The Mysore Maharaja's chattram at Benares was - established by His Highness the late Maharaja Krishna Raja Wodiyar Bahadur III in the year 182^ (Chitrabhanu) and the management thereof was entrusted to Pandit Sesha Shastri (father of Dharmadhikari Rama Shastri) who was residing then at Mysore. The local ma management at Benares was at the same time left in - the hands of Shankara Shastri, brother of the ~~said~~ - aforesaid Sesha Shastri. In his nirup issued in the following year -Swabhanu- His Highness the late Maharaja has fixed the scale of expenditure in this Chattram and sanctioned grants for sevarthas in some of - the temples at Benares and directed that the local ma management should be carried on by Shankara Shastri. I believe Pandit Rama Shastri is now in possession of the Nirup. After Shankara Shastri his son Subrahmanya Shastri and his grandson Raja Shastri looked after the Chattram affairs. Govinda Shastri, son of Raja~~l~~ - ~~Raja~~ Shastri, is now the local Agent.

3. The object of the chattram appears to be to feed 25 Brahmans every day. It has an annual grant of - Rs.2883-3-3 for the purposes noted below-

Rs.66-9-0 a month or Rs.798-9-0 a year for establishment.

159-6-8 Do ~~191-3-0~~ 1913 - ~~193~~ for feedi

Rs.36-0-0 a year for contingencies.
92-7-9 " for sivaratri
43-2-6 " &&& savings for repairs

The establishment is shewn below:-

Agent	Govinda Shastri	Rs.29-1-6
Gumasta	.....	7-0-0
Do	.....	3-0-0
Paricharak	.....	4-1-3
Gandashite	.....	2-0-6
Cook	.....	5-1-3
Waterman	.....	4-1-3
Kamati	.....	5-1-3
Watchman	.....	5-1-3
Sweeper	.....	2-0-6

Total Rs.66-8 a month

Out of the charges for feeding a sum of Rs.5 a month is paid for Ganapathi Puja (Vide Government order No. M.435 dated 1.2.1892) to Mangloji Prakash. Rs,15 a month are paid to Purnananda Sarasvati Swami (Vide Government order No. 1320-1, dated 17th march 1909). The balance viz.139-6-8 is used for feeding.

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4. It is said that during the administration of His Highness the late Maharaja each year's allowance was being paid in advance. During Mr. Bowring's Chief - Commissionership the grant, it is said, was ordered to be sent half yearly in February and August. This - system was being followed till August 1905.

5. When in July 1905 the Pandit sent his usual report for money he was asked if it was not desirable to remit ~~the~~ money monthly. A bill was also in the - usual course sent to the Comptroller who declined to pass it. A special representation being made, it was passed provisionally and the money was sent. The - Pandit expressed himself unfavourably to monthly remittances.

6. In January 1906 the Pandit sent his usual report for advance, a bill was sent to the Comptroller who again declined to pass it. The Pandit was thereupon informed of the Comptroller's action and asked to

submit monthly accounts and vouchers.

7. The system of remitting money in advance every half year thus ended, though the Pandit protested - - against the innovation. He made a representation to the then Dewan also, but the file was not submitted - for orders.

8. The Comptroller objected to pass the accounts of any one month & until the vouchers in support of the expenditure of the amount previously remitted were - sent to him. Thus no money could be sent to the Pandit before the receipt of accounts. He ~~could~~ money not - send accounts regularly every month and could not - therefore get the money. Then the local Agent began to contract loans on interest.

9. It appeared to me that the contraction of loan by the Agent was not compatible with the prestige of the Government and that payment of interest would unnecessarily cut down the amount available for feeding. So as soon as I became ~~familiar~~ a little familiar with my work I wrote in February 1909 to the Pandit's son (who in accordance with Government order No. 619 dated 5th Aug 1908, became the Manager in place of his old father) that loans should on no account be contracted and that accounts should be ~~properly~~ promptly forwarded and - money obtained. I also wanted some ~~no~~ more detailed information to be furnished as in the case of Tirupati chattram and suggested that a Visitors Book should be opened. In order to see that my instructions would not run counter to ~~my~~ any previous orders and would not also affect the Pandit's prestige I consulted the - - Manager of this office before issuing the order. The Pandit's son in his reply reopened the question of - half yearly advance and represented the difficulty of ~~forwarding~~ furnishing further details. The matter was lost

sight of for some months.

10. In July 1909 the Pandit's son reported that currency notes were not available in the Mysore Treasury. It appeared to me that instead of remitting money from here, a cheque on the Bank of Bengal might be sent. So I wrote to the Comptroller who said payment by cheque could be arranged for.

11. Early in August 1909 Purnananda Swami wrote to me that he had not received the allowance for 4 months. The fitful submission of accounts which is the sole cause for the non-payment of the Swami's dues and the contraction of debts greatly annoyed me; and I wrote again to the Pandit's son that loans should on no account be contracted and that I would give an imprest of one month's allowance. The Pandit and his son seem to view this as a stiff order.

12. A reply to this communication has been received. The Pandit seems to have made a representation orally to the Dewan during the Dasara and has since made one in writing.

13. It would be convenient if, while dealing with these, the representations made in 1906 are also taken into consideration. The latter were:-

(1) Revival of half yearly advances.
(2) Repair of vessels.
(3) Submission of vouchers in support of expenditure.
(4) Increase of grant.

14. Of these the second has been disposed of by Government order No. 2164 dated 24th Oct. 1906 sanctioning an advance of Rs.125 for repairs of vessels.

It is desirable to revive the system advised by Mr Bowring as

15. As regards the first it seems to me that there is no necessity to revive the system of half yearly advances. It is said that the half yearly advances

as stated in para 4 above.
I worked for nearly four years (1879–83)
myself while I was in the
Palace & found it smooth
& satisfactory – It seems to
have continued till 1905 – By
all means continue it until
further you find reasonable
ground to find that the object
of the Grant as stated in para 3
above is not fulfilled –

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enabled the purchases of food stuffs at the harvest but the Muzrai Secretary's order No. ~~2409~~ 936 dated ~~24.7.1906~~ 19.8.1905 goes to show that purchases were - being made only monthly.

16. All that the Agent can ~~&&&~~ ask for fairly is either an impress or the remittance of the monthly allowance regularly in advance before receipt of the accounts of the previous month. With regard to the latter - course there is the objection of the Comptroller that until vouchers are received for the money of one - month (which is drawn on contingent bills) the a- mount for the next month cannot be given. There is the further danger that the Agent who cannot be pre- ~~&&&~~ vailed upon to send accounts ~~properly~~ promptly and obtain money regularly may not send accounts at all if money is given without waiting for accounts. If however the Comptroller has no objection to pass the monthly bills inadvance without asking for the previous - - months ~~accounts~~ Vouchers, I have none at all.

17. There can be no objection to granting an impress, The Tirupati Peshkar has an impress of Rs.200. Before proceeding further it would be convenient if I should describe what is being done as regards Tirupati.

18. At the commencement of each month the Peshkar - sends the Pay bill of the previous month. Thi is - passed ~~the~~ and the money remitted to him. Later on he sends the accounts for the previous month. These are checked and the money required is drawn and remit- ted. He then pays the contractor and sends his vou- cher and recouping his impress sends his own voucher for purchases of perishable articles such as curds, vegetables &c. These vouchers are forwarded to the Comptroller.

19. While there is a contractor at Tirupati there is

none at Benares. The instructions issued to the Pandit from time to time are to the effect that he should send vouchers like the Tirupati Peshkar. He has been sending such vouchers.

20. The amount of imprest has to be settled. I proposed to give one month's allowance as imprest. We may fairly give two months' allowance. The Agent may spend one month's allowance and send the accounts soon after the close thereof. The money would be remitted to him before the close of the next month during which he could spend the other month's allowance. Thus if only he would send accounts promptly he would always have a month's allowance with him as imprest.

21. To avoid delay in remittance it would be necessary to despatch the money direct to the Agent from this office. A draft on the Bank of Bengal could be sent. This would be more convenient than sending notes which according to the recent rules may not be accepted at Benares without discount. The Pandit admits that during the British Commissiond days drafts on the Bank of Bengal were being sent.

Para 10 of Chief Office Rao's report A.

22. I should not be understood as trying to deprive the Pandit or his son of their powers. I propose the above course mainly to save delay. The accounts may as heretofore be continued to be sent through him; and I shall on each occasion intimate to him the remittance of money.

23. It is perhaps objectionable to give an imprest for salaries also. The Agent may like the Tirupati Peshkar, send the pay bill first for sanction and later on the accounts. The monthly grant for feeding being Rs.154 I would recommend an imprest of Rs.300 or at the most Rs.350.

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24. As regards the third prayer about vouchers a perusal of paras 16, 18, and 19 will show that their submission is necessary and that the Agent has been sending them.

25. As regards the fourth prayer I am of opinion - that no increase of grant is called for. From the report of clerk Appu Rao it will be seen that this chattram is not resorted to by travellers and that the - Agent has to ask people for meals in the chattram. The Tirupati chattram, the tasdik of which His Highness the Maharaja was graciously pleased to enhance a few years ago, is resorted to by pilgrims-both rich and poor. There is no other institution there that gives food to pilgrims. Thus while the Tirupati chattram is more useful, the Benares chattram can only be - - suffered to exist on the sentimental ground that feeding Brahmans at Kasi is itself meritorious.

26. Many ways in which the money allotted for this chattram may more usefully be spent nearer home without doing violence to Hindu ideas can be suggested. We may for instance use it for granting stipends to Pandits who pass the Mahavidwat Examination or we may have a home for cripples.

27. I do not however mean that this chattram should be abolished. I only want to point out that there is no necessity for any increase of grant.

28. In the report of clerk Appu Rao referred to above it is said that the feeding is not carried on indiscriminately and that the Agent asks such people as are fit objects of charity by reason of their learning &c. It is also stated that students of the Central Hindu College are invited sometimes. I have - submitted a separate report in this connection on a petition received from some students.

29. Coming now to the representations of the Pandit to the present Dewan, I find that the requests are two

(1) Sending money in advance once in 4 or 6 months

(2) Not ~~deviating~~ diverting the feeding charges for granting allowances to other people.

30. The first point has been fully dealt with in - paras 15 to 23 above. I would grant an imprest of Rs.300 or 350 and insist upon the prompt submission of accounts.

31. As regards point (2) I am of opinion that we - must see the money usefully spent and need not insist upon 25 people being fed. It seems to me that the Rs.5 given to Mangloji Prakash and Rs.15 given to - Purnanandaswami serve a more useful purpose than indiscriminate feeding.

32. Before closing, I wish to refer to some further details about the Tirupati Chattram. A Visitors book is here maintained and the sheets thereof with the remarks of Visitors are sent to this office for perusal and return. Clerk Appu Rao says suggested that a - Visitors Book might be opened at Benares also, but - added that as the local Manager was conducting the institution in a proper manner it was not necessary ~~to~~ there to have a Visitors Book opened,

33. A daily account is received showing the quantity of provisions ~~as~~ spent, the meals cooked and the number of people fed. No such account is received from Benares. Though it may not be worthwhile to get this account daily from Benares, we may get it at the end - of the month.

34. Tirupati is only a day's journey from here and can be easily inspected. Benares is far away and cannot be inspected. It is thus necessary to have

more elaborate accounts from there. It seems to me that we may prescribe a daily account in the appended form to be prepared each day and sent with the monthly account.

35. In this form provision has been made for entering the names of 25 persons and for obtaining their signatures. It will be enough if the number of Nehi.i servants is specified. The daily cash transactions are to be entered as in the case of Tirupati chattram and also the ~~&~~ expenditure of all provisions.

36. I may also add that the idea of keeping a Visitors book and of obtaining the~~ir~~ signatures of the persons fed may not be liked by the Pandit and his son.

Murzai Superintendent.

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READ—

Letter no 1029 dated 22 may 1910 from the Inspr Supdt in Mysore reporting the for expenditure at H H the Maharaja of Mysore's Chattram at Benares it was usual to remit the annual Jasdik in advance in two half-yearly instalments, that this was discontinued in the year 90 that since then, as no impress has been sanctioned, the Manag has been incurring debts for monthly expenditure

ORDER THEREON—No.

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SUBJECT.

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and recommending that an
imprest of Rs 300 or Rs 350
may be given to the manager
and he asked to submit
a number of accounts regularly
every month

Order thereon —

Govt are pleased to
direct that the system of
financing the money in half
yearly instalments in Feby
and August of each year,
which worked smoothly and
satisfactorily, be revived.
The manager should continue
submit regularly the
accounts and Vouchers which
he is now submitting. Govt
do not see the necessity
any other accounts

9/11/1910

For Secretary

10/11/10